

Remarks

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because of reference symbols not explicitly mentioned in the description. A list of definitions of these symbols has now been included. The symbol definitions refer to the standard terms in the description and therefore add no new matter.

The Examiner has objected to a reference number discussed in the description but not labeled in the Figure. A replacement Figure has been submitted. This correction adds no new matter.

The Examiner requested a new title. A new title has been submitted.

A few other objections have been corrected with appropriate amendments.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 11 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kormuro (US6,327,107). Claims 1 and 11 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 21 and 23 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Aoshima (US6,249,407). Claims 21 and 23 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 21 and 23 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Fullerton (US6,650,513). Claims 21 and 23 have been cancelled.

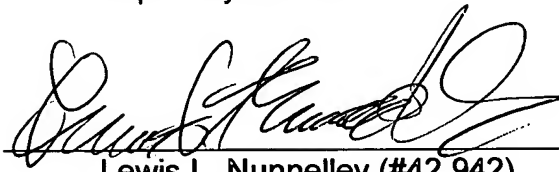
The Examiner has objected to claims 9 and 19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9 and 19 have been amended accordingly.

Claims 9 and 19 are now believed to be in condition of allowance and respectfully request same. Applicants thank the Examiner for a careful examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Drawings:

Please replace sheet 1 of the Figures with the Replacement Sheet 1 enclosed herein.